branches at Amroh (Hamirpur Distt.) Chintpurni (Una District), Amb (Una Distt.) and Ghumuarwin (Bilaspur Distt.) was received by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) on July 31,2004. The approval for issue of licences for opening the aforesaid branches has been conveyed by RBI to its Regional Office on December 6,2004.

Downgrading of credit rating of Maharashtra

1219. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Credit Analysis and Research Ltd. (CARE) has downgraded the credit rating of the State of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the credit rating of Maharashtra which was considered at one time the richest and most industrialized State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available.

Taking over of PSU Bank by IDBI

1220. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IDBI has decided to take over a PSU bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for taking over the particular bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.